

BAR HILL NEWS

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LEST WE FORGET: This years Poppy Appeal in Tesco's will run from Saturday 25th October until Tuesday 11th November. Anyone who would be willing to give an hour or two of their time to help please contact Maggie on **01954 488657** or **07922 342954**



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If you'd like to contact the BHCA then you can either;

- Write to us at **Parish Council Offices, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. CB23 8EH**
- Email the Chair of Trustees at **chair-of-trustees@barhill-ca.org**, or
- Call/ message/ WhatsApp **07814 871752**.

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Fox. If you'd like an agenda please get in touch!

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published. Names and addresses may be withheld.

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion.

All items should be submitted to **bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org**

See www.barhill-ca.org



During the months of August and September, skatepark construction contractors have been busying themselves putting together bids for the Saxon Park skatepark project. Several strong contenders have come to the site to inspect it and by the time you read this, the Skatepark Working Party will be sifting through the various bids to pick our designated contractor. However, regardless of which contractor we go with, the first task will be to perform a geotechnical survey costing approximately £5,000. If you'd like to help make this project a reality, please contribute to our Just Giving page at **www.justgiving.com/page/barhillsaxonpark**. Let's make it happen.



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**Every Monday, 10-12 (unless otherwise listed) in the Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)
The Hub is for people of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!**

6 October	Coffee Stop, Foodbank, Chess, traditional & 5Aside versions	NO COMMUNITY HUB TODAY
13 October		Carers Café 10.00 - 11.30
20 October		Health & Wellbeing 10.15 - 10.45
27 October		Evergreens 10.00 - 11.30 Meet a Parish Councillor 10.00 - 12.00

WHEN: Every Monday 10am – 12pm. **Please note that there will be no Community Hub on 6th October.**

WHERE: The Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery), Bar Hill, CB23 8EH

WHAT: Our vision is to create a fairer and friendlier community, so everyone can thrive and knows where to turn to for warmth, welcome, friendship and support. The Hub is a busy gathering space, providing a warm, comfortable, welcoming space for our entire community. Come along and join us, we look forward to seeing you!

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of delicious home-made cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you, available between 10am and 11.30am

Citizens Advice: NOTICE: for health reasons, there is no village Citizens Advice service. To book an appointment for face to face, email or telephone advice with the Cambridge office, please use the following contact details

Email: <https://www.cambridgecab.org.uk/get-advice/email-us/>

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Evergreens: a safe space for those with memory loss to enjoy: Conversation, Connection, Celebration. Accompanied by a carer, friend or family member. When: usually 4th Monday of each month. Please see separate entry in Bar Hill News for more information.

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Monday, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach and visiting speakers (starting at 10.15am). There will be just one session this month, on 20th October.

Carers Café: On the 2nd Monday of the month, providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery

Meet a Parish Councillor: you can meet one of our Parish Councillors to discuss any issues within our village, between 10am and 12pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Just look for the sign within the Coffee Stop.

Traditional & 5Aside Chess (within the Coffee Stop): A great way to connect and start a conversation with people happy to teach you this wonderful game. Come along and join us for refreshments and a chat!

A date for your diary: Come along on Monday 3rd November, when we will be hosting our cake sale in support of the MS Society, and help raise funds for their vital research.

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Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £3 per week but the 1st week is free.

Please note that due to half term there will be no club on Friday 31 October.

If you would like more information please contact me on **01954 204171 / 07847 327709** or barbara.page@live.co.uk

Bar Hill British Legion

All are invited to meet outside the Memorial Garden (near Maple Surgery) on **Monday 27th October at 10am** as wreaths are laid in remembrance of those who gave their lives in conflict.

We will also be continuing the annual British Legion Poppy Appeal in Tescos.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Maggie on **01954 488657** or **07922 342954**.



Bar Hill Allotment Society

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Bar Hill allotment currently have a short waiting list. If you wish to add your name or just come for a visit please email us at barhillallotment@gmail.com



Olive Tree Bereavement Group

Our next meeting for members will be held on Saturday 11th October at 10.30a.m. The following month is 8th November. Both are held in the Octagon at 10.30a.m.

We will be pleased to see you if you are a regular member, a new member or if you have never been before.

Autumn is well upon us.

Days are getting shorter and darker. A feeling of isolation and loneliness, particularly at nights might occur. If this is you perhaps you would like to come along and meet people experiencing this too?

This is a very welcoming group where you can talk quite freely and your confidence will be respected. There will be time to share your experiences, listen and have discussion as well as getting to know others in the group, with time for refreshments too.

If you are wondering whether the group is right for you, please phone one of us to talk about it. We welcome all newcomers and would prefer that they arrive at 10.00a.m. on the above dates so that we can explain more about what happens.

The leaders, who are CRUSE Trained, and members of the group will offer a warm welcome and you will be in the presence of people who have been through loss and understand the pain and difficulties that this brings.

For more details telephone Sue Kenchington on **780260**, or Chris Stannard on **781978**.



The deadline for submissions is the second Thursday of the Month.

Please send your article to bhn-editor@barhillca.org (PDF, Word, Pages, etc)

Bar Hill Library - October 2025

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our regular 'pop-up' sessions whilst the library building is closed for refurbishment.

For those of you who haven't visited us yet, here are the details:

Tuesday 2pm-5pm and

Saturday

9.30am-12.30pm



While Bar Hill Library is being refurbished, we are running a pop-up library every Tuesday and Saturday at the Village Hall. Return books, collect reservations and browse our curated selection of books.

Follow the signs on the outside of the building and you should find us easily.

We are also running a Rhymetime every Tuesday from 2.30-3pm and a Lego session every Saturday from 10am-12pm.

Dear Readers,

Firstly an apology to our readers - I gave an incorrect clue for 10 across last month for our puzzle (Page 19), muddled the attempts to find words to fit, the correct clue is questionable.

Apologies to those who were baffled!

Keith Morris

Bar Hill Catholic Mass

Celebrating our love of God – Meeting with friends – Volunteering

Mass will be held in Bar Hill Church at 6pm on Saturdays. Our services are open to all and everyone is very welcome to attend.

If you have any queries please call Bunty Waters **07734 690580**.

Our local parish priest is Father Adrian Gates, from OLEM, Ditton he is also the Hospital Chaplain - **07842 190882**.

Come & worship - everyone welcome.

Bar Hill HAPPY HOURS Club

The Bar Hill Happy Hours club meets in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club between 2 and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea/coffee and cakes, getting together with friends, fun and games. All of this for only £2 per person. The bar is open if you want something extra.

Coming in October:

3rd: Bingo and a Quiz

10th: To be decided

17th: Bingo and a Quiz

24th: Christmas sales?

31st: Bingo and a Quiz (Halloween)

Anne Plumb | **07790 306922** |

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8 o'clock club

The club is a women's group and we meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. *Our speaker this month on the 2 October is Naresh Jhali from the Stroke Association.*

Our fee is £15 per year to join and then we make a charge at each meeting to cover the cost of refreshments and a raffle.

We welcome new members to the club. If you would like to join please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara **204171 (07847 327709)** Adela **204265** or Ann **204687**

Bar Hill Village Hall AGM

On the 27th November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room the current Management Committee will be holding it's annual meeting.

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BUILDINGS : Bar Hill Church has 2 buildings, the Octagon (which was the original church built 50 years ago) and the larger Worship Hall (built around 30 years ago) and both buildings are used for community activities as well as worship services.

CHURCH SERVICES : On a Saturday evening at 6pm there is a

Catholic Mass led by Father Adrian and

on Sunday mornings at 10am many people gather for our weekly ecumenical service, which has a different style each week- but always the same welcome and opportunity to worship, learn and pray together. Services last between 60-80 minutes and are followed by refreshments and a chance to chat with others.

We have a worship band and sing many different hymns and songs.

Twice a month we share communion together and once a month we gather round tables for discussion with drinks and biscuits (Café

Church). 4 times a year we have a reflective Quaker meeting.

WHO CAN JOIN IN? Everyone is welcome! We are an ecumenical church (Anglican, Baptist, URC, Methodist and Quaker) welcoming people from different backgrounds, countries and experiences of 'church'.

We have activities for children and young people each week- sometimes within the service and sometimes in their own age-specific groups. Our age range is 1-101!

If you have never visited YOUR church in YOUR village, please just turn up, or email Wendy for more information.

Contacts

Church Office: Ian Farr, 01954 206120, church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk

Enquiries about hiring space for an event should be directed to Ian.

Minister: Revd Wendy Wale, 07780 828865, minister@barhillchurch.org.uk

Working days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Sunday



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We meet in the Octagon on the 4th Thursday of the Month, at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

There will be a dedication service with lay of



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

wreaths on **Monday 27th October at 10 am** at The Memorial Garden. The Poppy Appeal will commence in Tesco on Saturday 25th October till Tuesday 11th November. Volunteers are needed to help man the Poppy Appeal table please contact Maggie Cox (same number as Malcolm below).

If you are interested in joining or would like further information or help, please contact either Wendy Arrowsmith on **01954 781381** or Malcolm Cox on **01953 488657**.

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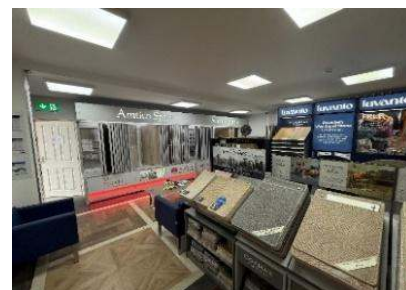
Video evidence from victims' doorbells has been used by police in cases of burglaries, rogue traders, doorstep fraudsters, incidents of domestic abuse and many other crimes.

The doorbell can be installed to cover a specific area in front of the property, and just knowing one is there may be enough to discourage any potential intruders.

A property is suitable for a video doorbell if there is a wi-fi connection, and the homeowner has a smartphone or tablet that can support the doorbell app. It's a case then of positioning the device and linking it to the phone – many devices allow you to link to more than one phone, which is particularly useful for other family members who may wish to protect a vulnerable older relative. It means a relative can talk to whoever is at the door through their own mobile phone. The caller will be able to listen and respond via the doorbell device, rather like an intercom system.

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NEW WASTE AND RECYCLING WEBSITE LAUNCHED

A new dedicated website for waste and recycling across Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire has been launched to improve services for both households and businesses.

Key milestones:

- **Soft launch:** 2 September 2025 – the new site is live alongside existing webpages, accessible at greatercambridgewaste.org
- **Full launch:** 16 September 2025 – all council waste pages will redirect to the new platform, including commercial waste services

The website aims to provide a single, user-friendly hub for bin collections, recycling information and commercial waste services. Feedback on the site's functionality can be sent to engage@scambs.gov.uk



SERVICE SUPPORT GRANT

A £300,000 annual funding programme launches today (8 September), aimed at empowering local groups that deliver vital services to South Cambridgeshire residents. Service Support Grants have supported local organisations for several years. For the next round of funding, £300,000 a year for three years will be distributed among eligible recipients. The boost aims to alleviate financial pressures on community groups

while expanding the scheme to benefit a greater number of organisations.

Apply online. For assistance, contact the Partnerships Team on **01954 713070** or email partnerships@scambs.gov.uk.

GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWS FUNDING FOR HONEY HILL WASTEWATER PLANT

The Government has withdrawn financial support for moving Anglian Water's wastewater treatment works from Cowley Road, north-east Cambridge, to a new site at Honey Hill. The relocation had been a central part of the "Hartree" development plans, which aimed to build a new district of more than 8,500 homes, along with schools, health facilities, community spaces and extensive green areas.

Funding had originally been allocated through the Housing Infrastructure Fund, but costs escalated sharply due to rising material and labour prices, alongside global supply chain disruption. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government determined that the higher price tag was unaffordable.

Although a Development Consent Order for the relocation was granted in April 2025, the scheme is now unlikely to proceed. Local authorities will need to reassess options for North East Cambridge, which remains one of the last large brownfield areas of the city.

The decision raises uncertainty about how Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire can meet future housing demand.



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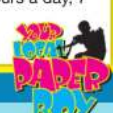
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It has been a month since the children have returned to Preschool from their long summer holiday. The pre-schoolers were excited to see their friends again as well as to welcome new starters on the setting. Our main topic in September was "All about me" which helps children explore their own identities, share personal interests, also learn about their family and friends. Who is in their family, what they like to play, eat, etc. It also helps us learn more about the children's backgrounds, interests and learning styles as well as it promotes communication skills and confidence in our early learners.

As part of the "All about me" theme the children were doing activities around understanding how they are feeling by focusing on self-expression. During this time children were making new friends, and they learnt each other's names, too.

Towards the end of the month, we started doing Autumn themed activities like looking

at the different colours of leaves, collecting conkers to use in the outdoor mud kitchen and also within arts and crafts activities.

Photographer opportunity, open to all families, in the community

On Monday 3rd November, in the morning (local schools are closed on this day) we will have a photographer visiting the setting, taking photos of family groups with a Christmas themed background. The photos will make a lovely Christmas present. If you were interested, you could book your time slot by contacting us on **01954 782892** or via email enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk.

Donations

The Preschool is looking for a donation of a pushchair if anyone has one they no longer need.

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Covid and Flu Clinics

The Practice has recently signed up to provide the Autumn Covid Booster vaccines. Appointments for the administration of the vaccines have been made available from the start of October to eligible patients.

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No televised games yet, but August's 2025 English Pickleball Open in Telford was the biggest yet with almost 6000 matches across 5 days and various different skill levels. It's the biggest pickleball tournament outside of the US. By the time October's Bar Hill News is published, the 2nd European Pickleball Championships will have taken place in Rome (18-21 September). Team England won the 2024 tournament.

TAKE CARE...

We are currently seeking funding to resurface our ageing courts as the surface is breaking up in places leaving loose gravel on the surface. So anyone playing should take care, and particularly check that the courts are suitable for play after rain.

OCCASIONAL PAY & PLAY GAMES

You can book a pay & play game using the tennis nets and your own equipment. Go to <https://barhilltennisclub.co.uk/book>.

CLUB TIMES

Our Adult Club nights for social tennis are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6.30pm.

Our Adult Club times for pickleball are Monday evenings starting at 6.00pm, and Friday mornings at 10.00am. Pickleball Beginners' sessions will resume in the spring.

MEMBERSHIP: HALF YEAR NOW AVAILABLE

Half-year club membership runs from September to March and is now available from the website. Membership covers both tennis and pickleball and you can be part of the WhatsApp groups for either or both sports which give info about what's happening. See website below.



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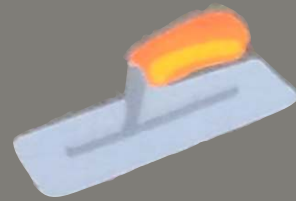
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Helping Hedgehogs in October

As the nights draw in and the temperatures drop, hedgehogs are starting to prepare for hibernation. October is a crucial month to help these little creatures stay safe and well-fed.

Food and Water

Hedgehogs are building up fat reserves for winter, so leaving out extra food is really helpful. Offer wet or dry hedgehog food, or meat-based cat or dog food (avoid fish). Always provide fresh water—never milk, as hedgehogs are lactose-intolerant.

Shelter

Now is the time to make sure hedgehogs have safe places to hibernate. Piles of leaves, logs, or compost heaps make perfect natural nests. A purpose-built hedgehog house tucked away in a quiet, sheltered corner is also very welcome.

Gardening Tips

Hedgehogs may be hiding under leaves or in long grass, so check your garden carefully before strimming, mowing, or clearing undergrowth. Leaving some areas wild gives them safe spaces to forage and nest.

Monitoring Health

If you spot a hedgehog out in cold weather that looks underweight or ill (less than 450g in October), it may need help from a wildlife rescue centre. Never attempt to feed it yourself without guidance—seek advice from experts.

Avoid Hazards

Take care to cover ponds or steep edges with ramps to prevent accidental drowning. Avoid using slug pellets or pesticides, which are toxic to hedgehogs.

By taking these simple steps, we can give our hedgehogs the best chance of surviving the winter and thriving again in spring.

For helping advice contact: Liz Dams -
07912 988898 / Shepreth Hedgehog
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Wildlife Gardening in October

October is a key month for preparing your garden for autumn and winter while supporting wildlife. Here's what you can do to help.

Feed the Wildlife: Birds, hedgehogs, and small mammals are preparing for colder months. Leave out seeds, nuts, fruit, or hedgehog-friendly food and always provide fresh water.

Leave Habitat: Piles of leaves, logs, and long grass offer shelter for hedgehogs, insects, and other small creatures. Avoid clearing everything—wild corners are vital for overwintering wildlife.

Plant for Pollinators: Autumn-flowering plants like asters, ivy, and hellebores provide late nectar for bees and butterflies before winter.

Protect and Plan: Cover ponds or create ramps so hedgehogs and frogs can escape. Now is also a good time to plant spring bulbs, giving bees early food next year.

Reduce Hazards: Avoid using pesticides or slug pellets, which are harmful to hedgehogs, birds, and beneficial insects.

By making small adjustments this month, you can create a garden that keeps wildlife safe, fed, and ready for winter.



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Local government in the eye of the storm

The government has a bill going through Parliament now which rips up the existing rules around local government in this country. It requires all councils to be unitary (ie no more district and county, just a single tier to perform all local government functions) but a significant change is that it transfers many powers to Mayors. Areas in the

country without Mayors will acquire them, and those already with Mayors will see their police, fire, health, transport and more being under their control. Unitarisation has some benefits, but to create these new structures will incur significant costs. It's unlikely these costs will be met by government, so councils may need to find the money for this themselves which would increase the financial pressures there already are. Decisions will need to be made by government later on in this Parliament but for now it's a case of 'watch this space'!

Quality of life survey

The county council has commissioned a third annual survey of residents to provide everyone with robust evidence detailing residents' concerns and priorities ahead of budget setting work in the winter.

Overall residents are happy (84%), feel safe (85%), experience a sense of belonging (76%) and many are involved in their local community (48%). However younger residents aged 18-24 were much less happy, and they as well as disabled people did not

feel as safe as older, able bodied residents. Nearly a third (30%) reported that they often felt lonely – higher than the national figures (25%) – and loneliness was much higher amongst those aged 18-24 (49%). Many (28%) reported having struggled with their mental health (including 44% of those aged 18-24), and nearly a third (32%) reported having physical problems (including 44% of those aged 65+).

In terms of issues that concern residents the cost of living scored highly (87%) and a majority (55%) had personally taken steps to reduce personal expenditure as a result in the last year. The most common items cut back were heating and purchasing nutritious food. Overall 77% of residents were concerned about climate change. The proportion of residents concerned about investments and jobs was 62%, which has risen steadily from 52% in 2023 when the first survey was conducted.

These figures show a continuing cost of living challenge, and growing pessimism about economic growth, jobs and investment. The pressures that this puts on people, particularly young people, the elderly and those with disabilities, are revealed starkly in the figures.

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Bar Hill Cricket Club

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But before we come to that, the title push was set up by a brilliant century by Sujith Kidangoor in the previous match, against Cambridge St Giles IV. He blasted 108 off just 69 balls, with 18 fours and two sixes, as Bar Hill scored 272 for 8 in their 40 overs.

In reply, all six Bar Hill bowlers took wickets, with two each for Phil Orvis, Sam Carrington, Jeemon Vazhappilly and captain Jacob Marshall-Grint as St Giles could manage only 128 all out.



So to the crunch matches at the top as we first travelled to Longstowe. Bar Hill looked set for a big score as they reached 20 overs with 120 on the board. But in the end we were pleased to post 176 for 9 as Longstowe fought back. Abdullah Ashfaq top-scored with 48 and Jacob made 39.

Bar Hill needed to bowl well and did so, taking early wickets and bowling economically to restrict Longstowe to 164 for 8. Jeemon took three wickets and Jacob two.

The final match saw us host Cambridge Tamil Sangam II. Both sides knew a win would see them crowned champions but, for

Bar Hill, they could miss out on promotion entirely with defeat – if Longstowe won their final match (it turned out they did) – or if rain came to end the match prematurely.

With rain dampening the pitch and helping bowlers more than batters, Bar Hill never let their opponents get going, bowling them out for 114 in the 37th over. Sam and Jacob both took four wickets, but it was a

disciplined all-round bowling performance.

In reply, Bar Hill chased down the target in exactly 20 overs with five wickets in hand and as the dark clouds moved in. Jacob

fittingly hit the winning runs, ending on 27 not out, while Paul Stimpson's 38 was the top score of the match and saw him become the club's all-time leading run-scorer in league matches.

At the season's end, wicketkeeper Jacob Curry was the leading fielder in the league with 13 catches, while Phil had the best bowling figures in the division with 6 for 9 in the win over Comberton in June.

By the time you read this, we will have had our end-of-season presentations – news on those next month.

You can get in touch via info@barhillcricket.org.uk or on the number below, or follow all the latest in the Bar Hill News and on our website at barhillcricket.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

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National Highways

Over the summer, I met with representatives from National Highways to raise the most frequent issues that residents raise with me. While significant roadworks may have become the norm for our area – with both the A14 improvement scheme and the A428 dualling taking place in quick succession – it is important that these works cause as little disruption as possible to residents, that lessons are learned from one scheme to the next, and that residents' concerns about the state of local roads are heard.

I asked National Highways how various issues that have arisen since the A14 redevelopment, such as congestion, the death of thousands of roadside trees, and the state of new bridges, are being dealt with, and what lessons it is taking forward for its ongoing work. On the A14 trees, National Highways has a full report coming next year which I will be carefully reviewing. I received confirmation that our new bridges have been monitored for movement and structural issues over the past three years, with high-end monitoring for the past 9 months. Minor interventions have been made but overall, I am told there have been no major structural issues.

Many residents have expressed concern about the disused service station on the A14



near Bar Hill. I totally agree that it is an eyesore for the village and could be put to much better use – I am in touch with the relevant bodies to look at a future strategy for use of the space and will continue to push for a resolution.

Demanding a Rail Fare Freeze Amid Soaring Costs

I constantly receive messages from constituents about the poor service they are experiencing on trains to and from London, as well as the rising cost of already costly fares. Commuting to Westminster each week myself, I know how frustrating constant delays and cancellations to services can be.

I recently raised this with the Secretary of State for Transport in Parliament and pressed her on how she justifies poor service at such a high cost to residents of St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire.

While she told me that the Government has not yet confirmed pricing for next year's fares, it seems inevitable that fares will go up if inflation continues to be as high as it is now. She is now, at least, on record saying that fares will be a "balance between affordability and what is fair for taxpayers", and I will certainly be holding her to account on this statement when prices are set for next year.

Get in Touch

I continue to hold both in-person and online surgeries to speak directly to constituents about their issues. If you feel you have a problem I could help with, or you have a policy matter you would like to discuss with me, please don't hesitate to contact me at ian.sollom.mp@parliament.uk.



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BOBS October 2025

What is BOBS you may ask? It stands for Bar Hill Old Boys.

BOBS is the successor to Crafts Shed that has been in this village for Five and a Half Years. Sadly, due to no accommodation being available where items could be made, we made the painful decision in our December Meeting to relinquish our Charitable Status. Our tools have either been sold or given to another Shed. We were able also to make two sizeable donations to two other charities.

What will BOBS do. We are here to meet as a Mens' Group on a Thursday Morning between 0930ish to 1130ish, where we will play board games such as chess, possibly table tennis etc. We also, will continue to plan visits to places of interest. Recently a group of us attended a very pleasant production of Twelfth Night at Anglesy Abbey. Further events are being planned.

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Bar Hill Memorial Garden

Autumn is well upon us now, with the trees changing colour. Shortly it will be time for the usual clear up.

This report is a very sad one. Helen Collins one of the Founding Members, died after a short illness in September. Helen was a Member of the steering Group back in 2009/10 to help advise and set up the garden. Since then, she has given the garden her continued attention along with other Team Members. Several Members attended her "Thanksgiving Service" on 16th September in Bar Hill Church. She will be missed for her advice and inspiration. We extend our sincere condolences to her family.

My grateful thanks to all who continue to donate towards the upkeep of the Memorial Garden, cheques / cash may be left at 7 Acorn Avenue made payable to Bar Hill Memorial Garden or alternatively paid directly into Bar Hill Memorial Account at the Cambridge Building Society Account Number 1768402740 Sort Code 20-17-55 If you wish to talk to someone re a donation then please phone Chris on the numbers below. Thank you once again to all those who have given financial support for this work.

Should you wish to place a Memorial Plaque then contact Chris Stannard **01954 781978**, **07711 623425**, c.e.stannard1@gmail.com

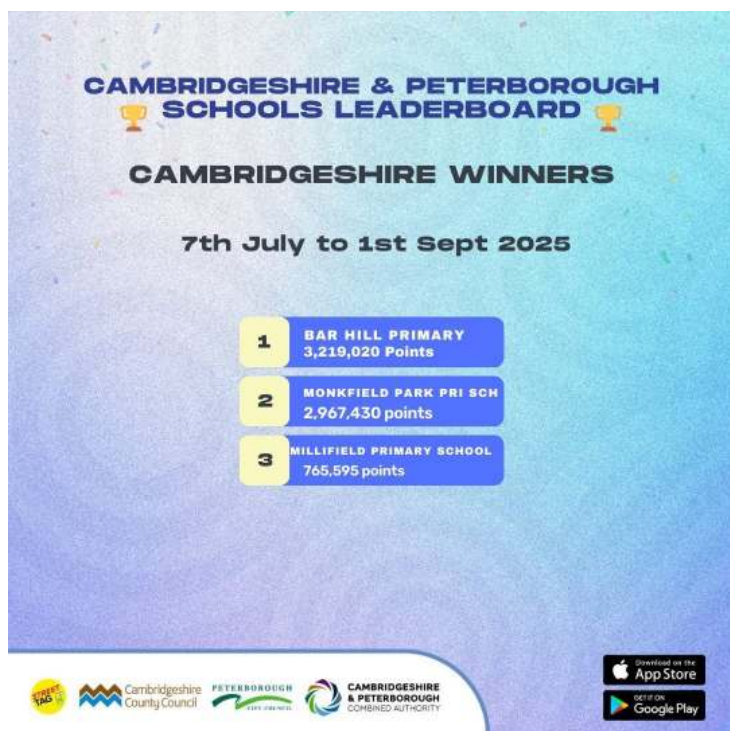


Street Tag Success!

This summer, our school took on an exciting challenge as part of the Street Tag initiative—an innovative programme that turns walking, running, and cycling into a fun, interactive game.

Led by Miss Frampton, in her role supporting PE and Active Travel (JTA), the initiative encouraged families and staff to stay active over the summer holidays by collecting virtual tags around their local areas.

We are thrilled to announce that our school placed 2nd out of 84 schools across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and was the top school in Cambridgeshire!



This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the amazing dedication shown by our community. A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone who took part.

Over the course of the 8-week challenge, our team collectively travelled an incredible 6296 miles—

that's about the same as going from Bar Hill to America (and beyond!)

Street Tag is all about making movement fun and rewarding. Participants earn points by collecting tags in their community, all while boosting physical activity and wellbeing.

Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved, our school has been awarded a Decathlon voucher! Pupils who took part will help decide how this will be used to enhance active play and PE in school.

We're proud of this amazing achievement and excited to keep up the momentum into the new school year! Our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA) and Play Leaders are already planning their next big initiatives.

Join our Community Litter Picks

Our Junior Parish Council, made up of Bar Hill Primary School children, are helping to keep our village clean and tidy by organising monthly litter picks.

Upcoming dates:

- Saturday 27th September
- Saturday 25th October
- Saturday 29th November

Please meet at the Parish Council Office at 10:30 am. All equipment will be provided.

Everyone is welcome to join in! Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, please contact:

clerk@barhill-pc.gov.uk

The litter picks will pause during the winter months, but we look forward to seeing lots of families and community members taking part this term. Together, we can make a real difference!



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Alzheimer's Society Dementia Support in Cambridgeshire

Many people's worst fear is if they start to experience problems with their memory is that it might be dementia. However, one of the commonest reasons for forgetting things is stress, which can result in people forgetting why they have gone into another room, where they have left their keys, and events such as birthdays. Dementia is quite different, it can make word finding difficult, routine tasks can get harder and you can become repetitive. The important thing is to see your GP, there could be many reasons for this including conditions like under-active thyroid, depression, urinary tract infection, etc.

However, should you receive a diagnosis of dementia, it just means life may be a little bit different. Diagnosis gives you the opportunity to plan for the future. You have probably read about Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) but planning for the future is so much more. You have the option to create your advance care plans with a ReSPECT form (www.cpics.org.uk/respect/), and you can let your wishes on future treatment be known by using an Advance Decision Form (www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/legal-financial/download-free-template-advance-decision-form). You can let medical and care professionals understand more about what you would like and what is important to you by using This Is Me form (www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/publications-factsheets/this-is-me). People can experience relief once they have done this as it allows them to get on with their lives. For more in-depth information on living with dementia and planning ahead, go to www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/publications-factsheets/living-with-dementia-planning-ahead.

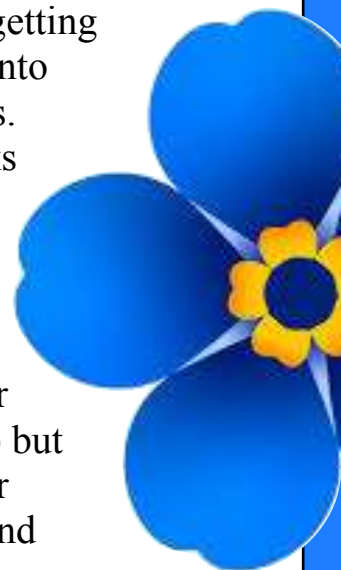
People worry that a dementia diagnosis means everything stops and that they are unable to do the things that they have always enjoyed doing. One of the key things to do is to follow the NHS Live Well guidance.

It is really important to continue to do the things you love, but dementia can affect confidence.

To help with this, the Society produces My Life My Goals, which is a self-help guide created for people in the early stages of dementia by people with dementia and researchers. For more information, go to www.alzheimers.org.uk/blog/life-after-dementia-diagnosis-guide-setting-reaching-goals.

There is so much support that is available to anyone whose life is affected by dementia, whether living with a diagnosis, their family, friends and carers. Your local Alzheimer's Society can help in so many ways: we run regular information sessions about dementia and caring; our specially trained Dementia Advisers are here to provide you with

one-to-one support and can help you to find ways to cope, help you to understand benefits and access any other help that you may need. If you are worried about your memory, have a diagnosis of dementia or are caring for someone, why not call us today and see how we can help. Call us on **01223 620962** or email cambridgeshiredementia@alzheimers.org.uk.



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Bar Hill Church Knit & Natter

"Knit & Natter" is a well established group in Bar Hill for ladies of any age who like to knit with others in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

We meet every Thursday afternoon from 1.15 in The Octagon opposite The Doctors Surgery. The Octagon is the smaller building next to Bar Hill Church.

As part of our afternoon activities we encourage everyone who wishes to do, to take part in a few fun and vital short keep fit exercises to boost their physical and mental health.

Our main feature is the creation of many wonderful knitted items which are given to local charities who need our help. This can be baby clothes, warm adult knitted items and Lap blankets in the winter for local people. We have established contacts with local charities who are delighted to receive our "knitted treasures"

Possibly one of the most important features of the group is that all are welcome and are encouraged and enabled to meet new friends while sharing a pleasurable mutual interest. This might be a good starter if you are new to the village to find new friends and re-start a previous hobby

Then, of course, there is Tea time accompanied of course with a welcome selection of cakes.

As well as our weekly meetings, we hold other events in the year. We enjoy outings to the seaside and occasionally, a winter shopping trip. We also have a couple of Craft Days to explore more creative activities. Also a Garden Party in the summer.

We would be delighted to welcome you to our group and I will be happy to talk more about it if you are not sure if it is right for you.

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Please contact the Clerk in the first instance if you have any queries or concerns.

Fly Tipping

Please can residents not Fly Tip their rubbish as this involves a considerable cost to residents and comes out of the precept.

HGVs

The Parish Council has applied for signage as advised by the Police for the perimeter road to try to stop lorries parking there.

Play Park

Please can adults NOT use the play equipment in the new play park this is to stop equipment breaking and wearing.

Village Benches

We are currently carrying out maintenance on various benches around the village.

Trees

You will notice that we have had to remove another tree in the Village this is due to Honey Fungus.

Litter Picking

A big thank you to all those that take time to pick litter around the village and a massive thank you to the Junior Parish Council for their recent big litter pick.

Street Lights

If you see a street light that is not working please report it ([link below](#)).

Dog Fouling

Please make sure you clean up after your dogs and have poo bags with you when out walking with your dogs.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE NATURE RESERVE

We are looking for Volunteers to help work on the Nature Reserve and have a date of the 15 November 2025. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Clerk.

TIGER

The Tiger bus pass is ***free of charge*** and designed to make public transport more affordable for young people, helping them travel to school, college, training, work, shopping, and social activities. This initiative is part of a broader effort by the Combined Authority to revamp public transport in the region.



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Committee Meeting Dates

Environment and Amenities Meeting 1
October 2025 - 7pm in the Parish Council
Office

Full Council Meeting 16 October 2025 -
7pm in the Parish Council Office

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Environmental Crime (bit.ly/bh-envirocrime) - Damaged Street Nameplate (bit.ly/bh-streetnameplate) - Reporting issues with roads, paths, street lights, etc. (bit.ly/bh-highwaysfault) - Report a non-urgent Crime - (bit.ly/bh-reportcrime)

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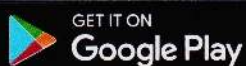
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